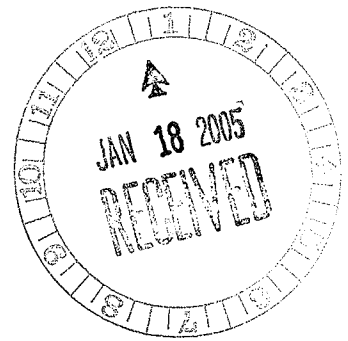


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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, D.C. 20423

Attention: Mr. Rini Ghosh



EI-1315

Subject: STB Docket No. FD34284 - Environmental Impact Statement - Proposed
Vulcan Materials Quarry & Southwest Gulf Railroad Rail Line Project

Dear Mr. Ghosh:

This letter is in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Vulcan Materials Quarry & Southwest Gulf Railroad Rail Line Project.

The DEIS reads like it was written by Vulcan Materials and not by the Surface Transportation Board. The potential flooding from changes in topography as a result of building the rail line were not mentioned in the study. Further, dust from quarry operations would be a problem that was not addressed in the DEIS. Since the quarry is programmed to be a 24-hour operation, noise is an issue that should be addressed as it relates to wildlife and human life.

Heavy truck traffic on State Farm Road 2676 would have a negative impact on not only the maintenance on the road itself, but also would impact farm-to-market traffic. Driving on Farm Road 2676 would be rendered much more dangerous for other than the big quarry trucks.

In summary, I believe the DEIS comes up short on many issues and further study is warranted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Humberto Holguin', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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